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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT

REF (A) CAIRO 4430, (B) STATE 33436

1. MAHER ABAZA, UNDERSECRETARY, MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY,
QUERIED EMBOFF BY PHONE APRIL 25 REGARDING STATUS OF U.S. -
EGYPTIAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT. ABAZA, QUOTE EXCITEDLY,
SAID THAT GOE "GETTING DESPERATE" IN ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH
WESTINGHOUSE BECAUSE OF LACK OF PROGRESS ON AGREEMENT. PRICES
ARE RISING EVERY DAY, ABAZA SAID, AND SOON THERE MAY HAVE TO
BE RENEGOTIATION OF ENTIRE CONTRACT, A PROSPECT HE VIEWED
VERY DIMLY. ABAZA REMINDED EMBOFF THAT EGYPT IS WILLING TO
ACCEPT ALL SAFEGUARDS NECESSARY, INDEED, ALREADY HAS ACCEPTED
ALL SAFEGUARDS U.S. ASKED FOR IN NEGOTIATIONS WHICH LED TO
INITIALING OF CURRENTLY PENDING AGREEMENT ON AUGUST 5, 1976.
ABAZA ASKED IF THERE WERE ANYTHING THAT COULD BE DONE
TO SPEED PROCESS SO THAT CONTRACT WITH WESTINGHOUSE CAN BE
SIGNED. EMBOFF NOTED CONTINUING SERIOUS STUDY BY NEW
ADMINISTRATION OF ALL ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR COOPERATION AND,
WITHOUT MENTIONING APRIL DATE, AS DESCRIBED REFTEL B, SAID
THAT HE HOPED STUDY WOULD BE COMPLETED IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. ABAZA ALSO TOLD US HE IS LEAVING APRIL 27 FOR SALZBURG
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TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR CONFERENCE (UNSPECIFIED). HE
HOPES TO MAKE STRONG REPRESENTATION DIRECTLY TO U.S. REPS WHOM
HE EXPECTS TO MEET THERE. (CAIRO PRESS REPORTS APRIL 26 THAT
DEPRIMIN AND MIN ELECTRIC POWER AND ENERGY SULTAN WILL
LEAD EGYPTIAN DELEGATION TO SALZBURG CONFERENCE.) ANY U.S.
REPS TRAVELLING TO CONFERENCE IN SALZBURG THIS WEEK SHOULD BE
CAREFULLY BRIEFED ON HOW TO RESPOND TO ABAZA IF HE RAISES

SUBJECT WITH THEM.

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